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Mr. Sean Hogan, Chief
Technical Support Office (AIR-7)
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Hogan:

I am writing to request that the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (North Coast) PM10 exceedance that occurred at the Weaverville-Courthouse monitor on July 29, 2006, be flagged as a natural event due to smoke from wildfires. Documentation on the wildfires and its impact on air quality are attached.

The 1996 United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) policy for areas affected by PM10 natural events allows such data to be flagged and thus excluded from consideration by U.S. EPA when making decisions related to the attainment status of an area. This policy requires that States submit documentation to support flagging to the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office.

We are therefore formally requesting that you flag this exceedance as a PM10 natural event and send confirmation to us by letter after the data has been flagged. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed documentation, please contact Sylvia Morrow, Manager, Particulate Matter Analysis Section, at (916) 324-7163 or via email at smorrow@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Murchison, Chief
Planning and Technical Support Division

Attachment

cc: See next page

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

cc: Mr. Robert L. Martin, APCO
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